

ISI hand in Mumbai bomb blasts

801. SHRIMOTIUR RAHMAN:
SHRIDATTAMEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as¹ per the Mumbai Police investigation report Pakistan's ISI masterminded the 11th July, 2006 bomb blasts in local trains of Mumbai, killing hundreds of people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan and if so, the reaction of the Government of Pakistan including handing over of the culprits to India; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to check nefarious activities of ISI and other Pakistan supported militant organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The cases regarding the serial bomb blasts that occurred in the Mumbai local trains on 11.7.2006 are being investigated by the Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS) of the Maharashtra State Police and charge sheets in these cases are yet to be filed. As per the evidence collected by them during the investigation of these cases, Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), a Pak based ISI sponsored terrorist outfit, has been found to have committed these blasts with some local help.

(c) No formal material or evidence in respect of the Mumbai blasts of 11.7.2006 has so far been given to Pakistan.

(d) The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach to tackle the activities of ISI by strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

As a result of the coordinated action between the Central 48 Intelligence Agencies and the State Police Forces, during the last 5 years, i.e. from

the years *i.e.* from the year 2001 to 2006 (as on 30.9.2006), 246 Pak-backed terrorist modules have been busted and during the same period till 31.10.2006, 120 ISI run espionage modules have been neutralized in various parts of the country.

Constitution of National Security Commission

†802: SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMOTILAVORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued any instructions to Government for the constitution of a National Security Commission in order to improve the image of police, to fix the minimum tenure of police officials and to have separate cells for maintaining law and order and investigation of crimes in police machinery;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps for compliance of these instructions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRISRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) In Civil writ petition No. 310 of 1996 in the matter of Prakash Singh & others Vs. Union of India & others, the Supreme Court of India has issued directions on 22nd September 2006 primarily to State Governments *inter-alia* with regard to the setting up of State Security Commission, selection methodology and minimum tenure of Director-General of Police and other key police functionaries and separation of investigation wing from law and order wing initially in towns/ urban areas having population often lakhs or more. The Supreme Court of India has also directed the Central Government to set up of a National Security Commission at the Centre.

State Government and Central Government have been directed to file affidavits of compliance by 3rd January, 2007 in respect of the points concerning them.

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